

Attendees:

Members: Lori Duguid, Tricia Kovacs, Betsy Pandora, Aaron Schill, Brian Moore

Staff: Bill Lewis, Nick Popa, Chris George, Daniel Moorhead

Guests: David Jeffords, Brian Hagerty, Jody Dzurainin, Ray George, Bill Ferriot, John McGovern, Cole Miller, Rod Rudinger

Members Not in Attendance: None

The following notes summarize the items which were discussed at the Bicycle Sub-Committee (BSC) meeting held on November 28, 2012:

Previous Meeting Notes

- No changes necessary.

Sullivant Avenue Corridor Overview

- Project limits from Camp Chase Railroad on the west to Dodge Park on the east.
- Majority of project will be sharrows with some shared-use path at each end
- City has met twice with Greater Hilltop and Franklinton Area Commissions and held a Public Information Open House on September 25.
- At issue with this project is a potential road diet between Hague and Yale a distance of about 2 miles
- At the October Area Commission meetings, Hilltop voted the road diet down, and Franklinton tabled the issue
- A major concern expressed by both Area Commissions was the potential for increased traffic due to the casino
- Traffic counts were taken in October before the casino opening and in November about one month after the casino
- Plan is to return to Area Commissions in early 2013 for reconsideration of the road diet
- Still plan to bid project in spring of 2013 with or without road diet

Downtown Action Plan

- High St parking meters
 - Meters on west side of street operational November 19

- Meters on east side of street operational December 3
 - Opposite direction open next week
 - Collect meter revenue data
 - Remainder of installation will occur in coming months
 - Spring all meters up running
- Front/Marconi
 - Design in progress
 - Implementation expected in 2013
- Broad St
 - One lane can be removed in each direction
 - Mayor's office discussion of using space for multimodal facilities versus on-street parking
- Broad St Bridge
 - New connections to Scioto trails are being planned
 - Subcommittee to be briefed on concept next month
 - Earliest implementation would be in 2014
- Third/Fourth St
 - These streets will remain one-way
 - Determining how bike facilities/parking can be implemented
- Livingston Ave
 - Front St to Fourth St
 - Analyzing potential one-way to two-way conversion

Action Items:

1. *Subcommittee to continue to be prepared to be consulted regarding Downtown Action Plan.*

Milton Ave Bike Box FHWA Report / Rehabilitation

- The final report was submitted to the Federal Highway Administration on November 5
- The report can be found on line at the City's website:
<http://publicservice.columbus.gov/WorkArea/DownloadAsset.aspx?id=55872>
- On November 7, the FHWA replied that they had no comments or question on the report
- Therefore the bike box may remain in place at the City's discretion
- Markings were reapplied in early November.
 - Markings had worn out

- Resurfacing repaired pavement damage that had taken place
 - Bike symbol is now larger
 - Box length was deepened from 10' to 12'
- To install any future bike box, the city would need to:
 - Send a letter(s) to FHWA listing the additional locations and referencing the Official Experiment number and title (for Milton)
 - Provide condition diagrams of the location(s)
 - Document some type of data and observations in order to be able provide semi-annual progress status updates to FHWA
 - Bring to the attention of FHWA any anomalies or safety issues that may arise from any location as soon as practical
 - The City is also required to notify the FHWA if the device begins to become a public nuisance
- Comment: new bike box really nice, but there is an issue with bicyclists running the stop sign at the corner of Milton Ave and Delhi Delhi; safety concern since this is a blind corner
 - Suggestions: add a mirror, change the stop configuration, address in education campaign
- Question: Is the City planning to install any future bike boxes?
 - City is not actively pursuing any future bike boxes but other locations have potential

Inventory of Signed Shared Roadways

- This project is currently being scoped with one of the city's bike project consultants, M-E Companies
- In summary this project will:
 - Develop an inventory of the existing signage on approximately nineteen miles of 2-digit COC Bicycle routes located on City streets.
 - Work with the City to develop:
 - A standard sign format for bicycle signage
 - A list of key destinations
 - A naming convention for the designated routes
 - A priority list for implementation of signing on city bicycle routes.
 - Signage developed during design of the Downtown Bikeway Connector project will be utilized for the basis of new signage
- Also included in this task, M-E will develop a GIS inventory of bikeway related items such as:
 - Bike signage

- Bike pavement markings
 - And bike parking items such as racks and shelters
- This will enable city staff to keep track of where all of the city's bike infrastructure currently exists and also assist staff in developing a schedule of maintenance for all of these items
- Public involvement is expected to consist of two reports to the bike sub-committee
- Project expected to begin early next year
- Comment: Ask to put signed bike routes on bike map
- Comment: Ask to change bike route on Front St

Construction Updates

- Bike Box – Milton Ave @ North Broadway
 - Channelizer lines are expected to be installed this week
- Bicycle Detector Markings – 36 intersections
 - 80 markings and 56 signs
 - Locations where existing, standard loops have had their sensitivity adjusted to detect two-wheeled vehicles in response to 311 requests
 - Work expected to be completed this week
- Park Street Sharrows – Goodale St to Buttles Ave
 - Sharrows to be installed this week
- Town Street Sharrows – Third St to Parsons Ave
 - Sharrows are nearly complete, expected to finish this week
 - Wayfinding and Share the Road signs will also be installed
- Hague Ave Sharrows – Broad St to Camp Chase Railroad
 - Sharrows have been installed
 - Share the Road signs will also be installed
- Bike Information Kiosks / Maintenance Stations – 10 locations
 - Kiosks and stations have been installed at all 10 bike shelters
 - Three stations were removed from the contractor in order to reinstall with longer bolts
- Watermark Dr Bike Lanes – Scioto Trail (Grandview Ave) to Dublin Road
 - Bike lane signs have been installed
 - Bike lane markings to be installed this week
- Westgate Bike Boulevard – Sullivant Ave to Broad St / Steele Ave Bike Blvd
 - Signs and markings have been installed
 - Project Complete

Bicycle Subcommittee Membership

- Responsibility of the T&PC to periodically review the bylaws for subcommittees to stay current and effective.
- During that review, a few relevant updates came to light.
- Subcommittee members do not have a term length.
- A term length will be set and all current subcommittee members' terms will end on December 31, 2012.
- Ideal timing for current members to re-evaluate their commitment level since the BBP update will occur next year and a significant time commitment will be required
- Current members will be sent instructions on how to reapply for the subcommittee and it will be posted on the website for other interested parties. Applications will be due January 2, 2013.
- The new committee will be approved by the T&PC at their January meeting.
- Other changes to the bylaws will be voted on by the T&PC at their December meeting.

"Parking Lot" Issues

- Installing bike lane/sharrows along Tamarack Rd - between Tamarack Circle & Morse Rd.
 - Added to parking lot
- Karl Road new bike lanes –will bike stencils be applied? (Presently only arrows are painted on pavement)
 - Thermo bike lane markings have been installed
- Karl Road new bike lanes - what about missing contiguous section at Ferris Road traffic signal intersection?
 - The bike lane terminates south of Ferris Road and resumes north of Ferris Road by design. There is insufficient width for both a bike lane and turn lanes.
- Trail head parking access to/from Alum Creek trail at Performance Way/Old Refugee Rd S. via Alum Creek Drive.
 - Added to parking lot. Refer to Columbus Recreation & Parks Department.
- Spot improvement – Sunbury Drive (Agler + Sunbury Rds) access to ACT.
 - Already in parking lot. Refer to Columbus Recreation & Parks Department.
- Spot improvement – Sunbury Rd/Agler Road access to ACT.
 - Already in parking lot. Refer to Columbus Recreation & Parks Department.
- Still waiting from CRPD for timing commitment & final design routes on 2 remaining ACT sections: Easton and Airport Dr.

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- Not a parking lot item. Refer to Columbus Recreation & Parks Department.
- Spot improvement - Innis Road convert short/wide gravel shoulder to paved side path - between bridge & Innis Park's driveway entrance SR#1210294902.
 - Added to parking lot.
- Highway exit ramp warning signs for adjacent intersection signal Greenway Trail crossings (I-670; I-70).
 - Added to parking lot.
- Revising the incorrect OLAC wayfinding signs around Woodward Park.
 - City has identified one sign to be corrected in this area and asks for specific locations of any other incorrect signs.
- Designating Morse Road existing paved shoulders as 'bike lane' between Sunbury Road (or ideally Westerville Rd) & Stygler or Cherry Bottom.
 - Added to parking lot.
- Designating 'bike lanes' along Cleveland Ave between SR-161 – Morse (as part of ODOT 2013 paving project); and further south on Innis Road on existing shoulder.
 - This is Westerville Rd and was added to the parking lot.
- ACT connector to Airport Dr/I-670 from east via Kenilworth Rd (much is already City Columbus owned land).
 - Already in parking lot.
- Will all city roadways crossing multi-use trails have consistent warning crosswalk signage upon street approaches? (combined bike & ped icon W11-15 added to the 2012 OMUTCD update). E.g. downtown Main Street bridge has contradictory signs in place.
 - Main St bridge signs are not contradictory. Future projects will incorporate these signs.
- Marconi @ RR tracks – bike crossing
 - Added to parking lot
- Indianola road diet NB to Morse
 - Project is already in the Bicentennial Bikeways Plan – Phase 3

Other Business:

- Dana Foreman from Grove City Bicycling Committee discussed bikeway connectivity between Grove City and Columbus
 - Lower Scioto Trail
 - Dyer Road
 - Big Run Trail
 - Dedicated path on Frank Rd to connect to Lower Scioto
 - Hardy Parkway

Action Item

1. Staff to report what bike facility is being planned with Hamilton Road relocation project.

Action Items Summary:

1. Subcommittee to continue to be prepared to be consulted regarding Downtown Action Plan.
2. Staff to show image of bikeways mobile app at next meeting.
3. Staff to report what bike facility is being planned with Hamilton Road relocation project.
4. Staff to provide information on Rich St/Town St two-way conversion project